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### **Two Dynamic National Speakers Share Expertise on Housing for the Future**

*Wilmington, NC – July 18, 2013* – The City of Wilmington, NC in partnership with the Affordable Housing Coalition of Southeastern North Carolina will host the 2013 Wilmington Housing Summit on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Terraces on Sir Tyler. Other contributing partners include: Wilmington Regional Association of Realtors; Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders Association; Wilmington Housing Authority; Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity; and WARM.

The Wilmington Housing Summit will spotlight the demographic shifts, changing market demand, rising energy cost, and new economic realities for families, government, and the development community. It will also include an interactive forum to discuss the impact of these changes on the future development and redevelopment of housing in the city of Wilmington.

The summit will include leaders from across the housing industry landscape including featured speaker Mitchell Silver, the Past President of the American Planning Association. Known by his colleagues as a creative thinker, problem-solver and visionary leader, his innovative solutions and visionary plans have been featured in *Time Magazine*. Mr. Silver currently serves as the Chief Planning and Development Officer for Raleigh. His presentation will focus on emerging issues and demographics of future neighborhoods.

The day will close with a dynamic presentation by John Majors, Senior Community Development Advisor at Purpose Built Communities in Atlanta. Purpose Built Communities specializes in holistic community revitalization across America. They will present a successful, nationwide, model where public agencies, non-profits and private sector companies partner in revitalization efforts and share in the benefits. The mixed use development model they will share includes a PGA Golf Course and an award-winning cradle-to-college education program.

In addition to nationally recognized speakers, the day will also include panels of state and local experts from the areas of: residential and commercial development; government; finance; business; and other community leaders. The panel discussions will center on future housing and development in the City of Wilmington including energy efficiency and affordability, resources for building in NC, and reinvestment and revitalization.

### **Attendance Profile**

Local Community Leaders, Realtors, Developers/Builders, Architects/Planners, Non-profits, Human Resource Professionals, Real Estate Attorneys, Lenders and Interested Citizens who are impacted by the complexities of the emerging housing market.

Register at [www.futureneighborhoods.com](http://www.futureneighborhoods.com). Registration is at a cost of \$25 per person inclusive. This event will be limited to the first 250 people to register. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For questions about this event, please contact Steve Harrell, City of Wilmington Community Services Director at 910-341-5838.

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